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May 31, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION OF
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to adopt two resolutions delegating authority to the Department of Public Works to apply for and execute grant agreements from State of California agencies to support environmental projects and programs. This action also requests delegated authority to accept grant funds in amounts up to \$500,000 from State of California agencies for environmental projects and programs that are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The resolutions and delegated authority shall be effective for 5 years from the date of adoption.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Adopt the resolution delegating authority to the Director Public Works or her designee to submit applications and execute all required contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments to secure grant funding from various State of California agencies and to act in the name of the County of Los Angeles as the lead jurisdictional entity on behalf of cities or other entities on regional grant projects. In addition, the resolution authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to certify that sufficient funds are available to operate and maintain the project. The resolution shall be effective for 5 years from the date of adoption.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to submit all required applications to secure grant funding for environmental projects and programs from State of California agencies, including the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the California

Coastal Commission, the California Coastal Conservancy, the California Department of Conservation, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Water Resources, the California State Parks, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency/State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Strategic Growth Council.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to accept grant funds in amounts up to \$500,000 for environmental projects or programs that are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act; to execute all necessary contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in the grant amount subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel; and to sign and submit requests for payment of state funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Adopt the resolution delegating authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to submit applications and to execute all required contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments to secure grant funding from various State of California agencies and to act in the name of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as the lead jurisdictional entity on behalf of cities or other entities on regional grant projects. In addition, the resolution authorizes the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to certify that sufficient funds are available to operate and maintain the project. This resolution shall be effective for 5 years from the date of adoption.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute all required applications to secure grant funding for environmental projects and programs from State of California agencies, including the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, the California Coastal Commission, the California Coastal Conservancy, the California Department of Conservation, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Water Resources, the California State Parks, the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency/State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Strategic Growth Council.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to accept grant funds in amounts up to \$500,000 for environmental projects and programs that are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act; to execute all necessary contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments including extensions of time, minor changes in project scope, and alterations in the grant amount subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel; and to sign and submit requests for payment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is for your Board to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works (Director) and the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Chief Engineer) or her designee to submit applications for certain environmental grants, to accept grant funding, and to execute all contracts, agreements, amendments, reports, and payment requests for grants awarded by State of California (State) agencies. The grants will fund environmental projects and programs involving recreational opportunities and open space, such as bicycle paths, habitat

enhancement, park-like improvements, urban greening, environmental education, beverage container recycling, tire collection and recycling, use of recycled materials, pollution prevention and reduction, water quality and groundwater quality improvements, water conservation, groundwater recharge, and air quality improvement such as reduction of particulate matter and greenhouse gases, coastal environment improvement, illegal dumping abatement, waste diversion, solid waste disposal and reduction, hazardous waste reduction, and energy efficiency. Delegated authority to the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee will facilitate compliance with State deadlines for submission of grant applications and execution of contracts and agreements, and will accelerate the delivery of these projects.

As a result of this action, the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee will submit applications for grant funding. In addition, the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee will be able to negotiate, accept, and execute environmental grant funding agreements for grants that do not exceed \$500,000 for implementation of projects and programs that are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Department of Public Works (Public Works) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) will return to your Board for all project approvals for advertising and award of contracts needed to implement grant-funded projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), and Public Safety (Goal 5) by increasing efficiency and providing residents with quality regional open space, safe drinking water, responsive waste diversion, and environmental programs and by securing external funds to support the programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County General Fund. The cost for projects conducted under these grants will be included within Public Works' annual budgets with associated costs to be financed from the applicable fund. Grant funds will be awarded to Public Works and LACFCD by the State to offset a portion of the cost of various projects. Public Works and LACFCD will return to your Board for acceptance of grant funds awarded above \$500,000. Public Works and LACFCD will continue to provide each Board office with annual reports of grants awarded.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State often requires a resolution from a jurisdiction's governing body authorizing the submission of applications and execution of agreements for grants and to act as the lead agency on regional grants. On March 21, 2006, your Board adopted a master resolution authorizing Public Works to perform these functions from April 1, 2006, to March 31, 2011, for grants from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The enclosed resolutions delegate to the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee, for 5 years from the date of adoption, authority to submit Public Works and LACFCD applications to various State agencies for environmental program grants and to execute contracts, agreements, reports, amendments, and payment requests as specified in the recommendations. The resolutions have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines for the acceptance of grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your Board's review before they carry out the activities covered under the grant. Subsequent to your Board's approval to authorize the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee to

accept future grants in amounts up to \$500,000 that are exempt from CEQA, a Grant Management Statement will be prepared and approved by the Director and Chief Engineer or her designee for each grant received.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The application for funding is not a project pursuant to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Acceptance of grants will occur upon completion of any environmental documentation required under CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

There will be no impact to current County services. As a result of these recommended actions, Public Works and LACFCD will continue to support environmental projects and programs that will enhance the environment and quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County, including recreational opportunities, environmental education opportunities, improved water quality and supply, and solid waste disposal and reduction.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact to current County services. As a result of these recommended actions, Public Works and LACFCD will continue to support environmental projects and programs that will enhance the environment and quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County, including recreational opportunities, environmental education opportunities, improved water quality and supply, and solid waste disposal and reduction.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one fully executed copy of the resolutions to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division. The original resolutions marked County Original are for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE
YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the State of California (State) offers grants to support environmental projects and programs for the benefit of jurisdictions within the State and has delegated the responsibility for administration of these grants to different State agencies including the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, California Coastal Commission, California Coastal Conservancy, Department of Conservation, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Public Health, Department of Water Resources, California State Parks, California Natural Resources Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and Strategic Growth Council (collectively, State Agencies); and

WHEREAS, State Agencies established procedures governing the application and grant management process for jurisdictions for the grants; and

WHEREAS, State Agencies require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing application for grants and execution of grant-related documents; and

WHEREAS, State Agencies require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing it to act as the Lead Agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdictions in partnerships for regional grant projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles (County):

1. Authorizes the submittal of grant applications to State Agencies by the County Department of Public Works (Public Works) and its participating jurisdictions in regional environmental grant projects and programs; and
2. If applicable, certifies that Public Works understands the assurances and certification in the applications; and
3. Certifies that Public Works will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and environmental laws, and that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

5. Certifies that Public Works will work toward the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety; and
6. If applicable, certifies that Public Works will expend grant funds within the designated time frame; and
7. If applicable, certifies that Public Works has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the sample contract provided; and
8. Authorizes and empowers the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to execute in the name of the County acting as a Lead Agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdictions in a regional grant project, all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments thereto, and payment requests for the purposes of securing grants from the State; and
9. Authorizes and empowers the County to act as the lead jurisdictional entity on behalf of itself and the cities and other entities who have notified Public Works of their desire to participate with Public Works in regional grant projects; and authorizes Public Works to act as the lead on behalf of the County and participating jurisdictions; and
10. Authorizes and empowers the Director or her designee to act as the Lead Agent on behalf of cities or other entities who have notified Public Works of their desire to participate with the County in regional grant projects; and
11. Certifies that the resolution is effective for five years from the date of adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 31st day of May, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF
FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the State of California (State) offers grants to support environmental projects and programs for the benefit of jurisdictions within the State and has delegated the responsibility for administration of these grants to different State agencies including the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, California Coastal Commission, California Coastal Conservancy, Department of Conservation, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Public Health, Department of Water Resources, California State Parks, California Natural Resources Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and Strategic Growth Council (collectively, State Agencies); and

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WHEREAS, State Agencies require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing it to act as the Lead Agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdictions in partnerships for regional grant projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors acting on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD):

1. Authorizes the submittal of grant applications to State Agencies by the LACFCD and its participating jurisdictions in regional environmental grant projects and programs; and
2. If applicable, certifies that the LACFCD understands the assurances and certification in the applications; and
3. Certifies that LACFCD will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and environmental laws, and that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

5. Certifies that the LACFCD will work toward the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety; and
6. If applicable, certifies that LACFCD will expend grant funds within the designated time frame; and
7. If applicable, certifies that LACFCD has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the sample contract provided; and
8. Authorizes and empowers the Chief Engineer of LACFCD or her designee to execute in the name of LACFCD acting as a Lead Agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdictions in a regional grant project, all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, reports, and amendments thereto, and payment requests for the purposes of securing grants from the State; and
9. Authorizes and empowers LACFCD to act as the lead jurisdictional entity on behalf of itself and the cities and other entities who have notified the LACFCD of their desire to participate with the LACFCD in regional grant projects; and authorizes the LACFCD to act as the lead on behalf of the County and participating jurisdictions; and
10. Authorizes and empowers the Chief Engineer of LACFCD or her designee to act as the Lead Agent on behalf of cities or other entities who have notified LACFCD of their desire to participate with the LACFCD in regional grant projects; and
11. Certifies that the resolution is effective for five years from the date of adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 31st day of May, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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